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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) An officer had to be kept on reserve duty for a short time in order to avoid unnecessary transfers. He has since been posted to a sanctioned appointment.

Proposed appointment of Major Anderson in the place of Colonel Bradfield.

* 1108 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government intend posting Major Anderson from Vizagapatam to Madras in place of Colonel Bradfield who is going on short leave?

A.—No.

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Rural medical relief in Salem, South Arcot and Coimbatore districts.

* 1109 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any comprehensive scheme of rural medical relief now under the consideration of the Government and, if so, since how long the same has been under consideration and when the Government expect it to be brought into effect;

(*b*) whether any of the local boards in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot have undertaken any scheme to afford extensive medical relief to the rural population within their local areas and, if so, which are the local boards and what are their schemes;

(*c*) whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken hitherto by the Government to provide adequate medical relief to the "gosha nashin" section of the Muslim community in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris; and

(*d*) how many gosha hospitals and dispensaries have been established in the aforesaid four districts (1) by the Government, (2) by the local boards and municipal bodies and what is the expenditure incurred by each authority under the said head, during each of the past ten years?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government do not make separate provision for medical aid to the different sections of the community. Such provision as has been made is intended for the benefit of the men, women and children of all communities who wish to avail themselves of it.

(*d*) Hospitals for women and children have been established at the following places in the districts mentioned :—

District.	Places where hospitals for women and children have been established.	
	Government.	Local Fund or Municipal.
South Arcot	...	Cuddalore New Town.
Salem	Salem ...	...
Coimbatore	Tiruppur.	Dharapuram. Pollachi. Udamalpet.
The Nilgiris	...	...

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The hon. Member is referred to the annual returns of civil hospitals and dispensaries for information regarding the expenditure incurred on these institutions during the past ten years.

Water-supply, etc., in Kamalapuram village.

*1110. *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of births and deaths respectively in the union village of Kamalapuram, Hospet taluk, Bellary district, in the calendar year 1927 and between January and August in 1928 and the reasons for the high mortality, if any ;

(*b*) whether the existing step-wells are fruitful sources of guinea worm, etc. ;

(*c*) whether in the past there was a proposal to give a protected water-supply to the union, and if so, when and why it has not yet been begun ;

(*d*) (i) what is the distance of Humpi from Kamalapuram ;

(ii) whether a big festival takes place at Humpi every year ;

(iii) what is the average number of visitors to Humpi every year ;

(*e*) whether a portion of the village of Kamalapuram is situated close to the waterspread area of the village tank and whether the inhabitants thereof are willing to build houses on a new site and remove themselves to that place if they are helped financially to a very small extent ; and

(*f*) whether the Government or the Board have decided to give them any help and, if so, to what extent?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report [a] of the District Health Officer, Bellary, dated 9th November 1928, is laid on the table.

(*c*) A scheme for the installation of a protected water-supply in the union at an estimated cost of Rs. 18,500 was abandoned in 1916 as the union board was unable to finance it. In March 1917, the Sanitary Engineer sanctioned a minor sanitary work at an estimated cost of Rs. 9,750 and forwarded it to the district board for execution by the District Board Engineer. The President, District Board, Bellary, reports that the contractor who was entrusted with the work died of plague in 1917, that early in 1918 the work was entrusted to his son but that before he could carry out the work to an appreciable extent he became bankrupt and that the work was stopped. Meanwhile the price of materials rose and it was estimated that the revised estimate would amount to about Rs. 20,000. The President also reports that the scheme was given up as the union board could not finance it.

(*d*) (i) $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) About 20,000.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 291–293 infra.